

Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified patent application, as amended. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-18, and 20 are pending in this application upon entry of this Amendment. In this Amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, and 13-15. No claims have been cancelled or added in this Amendment. Of the pending claims, claims 1, 10, and 13 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action mailed January 17, 2007, the Examiner indicated claims 10-12 were allowed. The Examiner objected to claims 2, 8, 17-18, and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,854,593 issued to Dykema et al. ("Dykema"). In particular, the Examiner indicated the limitation "store the plurality of received radio frequency carrier signals" as generally set forth in independent claims 1 and 13 is not narrow enough to prevent numerals indicative of the carrier signals from being stored as described by Dykema. To this end, the Examiner further appeared to indicate that limitations regarding transferring "a stored radio frequency carrier signal" is not narrow enough to prevent numerals indicative of the carrier signals from being transferred.

The Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite "sampled versions" of radio frequency carrier signals are received and stored. The Applicant has further amended independent claim 1 to recite "the sampled version" of a selected radio frequency carrier signal

is transferred in order to transmit an activation signal comprising “the sampled version” of the selected radio frequency carrier signal. The Applicant has amended dependent claim 4 to be consistent with amended independent claim 1.

The Applicant has amended independent claim 13 to recite storing “sampled versions” of radio frequency carrier signals. The Applicant has further amended independent claim 13 to recite “the sampled version” of a selected radio frequency carrier signal is for use in transmitting an activation signal. The Applicant has amended dependent claims 14-15 to be consistent with amended independent claim 13.

Support for the use of the term “sampled version” in the amended claims is found, for example, on page 18, lines 3-8 of the Applicant’s specification.

The Applicant respectfully submits the limitations regarding sampled versions of carrier signals as generally set forth in amended independent claims 1 and 13 do not read on numerals indicative of carrier signals as described by Dykema. Further, Dykema does not teach or suggest otherwise.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits amended independent claims 1 and 13 are patentable over Dykema. Claims 2-5 and 8 depend from amended independent claim 1 and include the limitations therein. Claims 14-18 and 20 depend from amended independent claim 13 and include the limitations therein. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1, 3-5, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dykema. Claim 6 depends from amended independent claim 1 and includes the

limitations therein. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In summary, claims 1-6, 8, 10-18, and 20 presented herein meet the substantive requirements for patentability. The case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone or video conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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